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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/588,072
Filing Date	06/05/2000
First Named Inventor	SAIFUDDIN et al.
Group Art Unit	2133
Examiner Name	TORRES, JOSEPH D.
Customer Number	23696
Attorney Docket Number	000320

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted
 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed
 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. *(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)*

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 which the RCE is filed.*

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026
 i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.117)
 ☐ One Month ($110.00) ☐ Two Months ($410.00) ☐ Three Months ($930.00)
 iii. ☐ Other

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